

POLITICAL SCIENCE (BA)**Degree Plan (POLSCIGCBA)****GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM****GEC 01. Written Communication (6 hours)**

01. ENG 101
02. ENG 102

GEC 02. Basic Science and Mathematics (11 hours minimum)

Science Requirement (8 hours minimum)

01. Select 2 courses with labs:
 - AST 111/L (Recommended)
 - AST 112/L (Recommended)
 - BSC 103/L◊ (Recommended)
 - BSC 110/L
 - BSC 111/L
 - BSC 250/L
 - BSC 251/L
 - CHE 104/L (Recommended)
 - CHE 106/L
 - CHE 107/L
 - GHY 104/L
 - GHY 105/L
 - GLY 101/L (Recommended)
 - GLY 103/L
 - MAR 151/L
 - PHY 103/L
 - PHY 111/L
 - PHY 112/L
 - PHY 201/L
 - PHY 202/L
 - PSC 190/L (Recommended)

Mathematics Requirement (3 hours)

02. MAT 100 or higher Mathematics

GEC 03. Global History and Culture (12 hours)

Social Sciences Requirement (3 hours)

01. Select 1 course:
 - ANT 101
 - GHY 101◊
 - SOC 101

Humanities Requirement (9 hours)

02. ENG 203
03. Select 2 courses, 1 History required:
 - HIS 101*
 - HIS 102*

GEC 04. Aesthetic Values (3 hours)

01. Select 1 course:
 - ART 130
 - DAN 130
 - MUS 165
 - THE 100

GEC 05. Decision-Making and Responsibility (3 hours)

01. Select 1 course:
 - COH 100
 - ECO 101
 - PHI 171
 - PS 101
 - PSY 110

GEC 06. Computer Competency Requirement* (3 hours)

01. LIS 201

GEC 07. Writing-Intensive Requirement* (Major Area)

01. Students must take one Major Area of Study course designated as Writing-Intensive (WI).
ENG 101 & ENG 102 prerequisites

GEC 08. Oral Communication Requirement* (3 hours)

01. Select 1 course:
 - CMS 111 (SI) or CMS 305 (SI) or CMS 320 (SI) or CMS 330 (SI)

GEC 09. Capstone Requirement* (Major Area)

01. PS 491 (Capstone)

Must be taken Senior Year; ENG 101 & ENG 102 prerequisites

*This particular GEC course is required for this major.

◊ GEC restrictions apply; see page 61.

For full description of the GEC, see page 59.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM**DEG 01. Bachelor of Arts Requirements (9 hours minimum)**

01. Select 1 course:
 - PHI 151 or REL 131
02. Select 1 course:
 - ENG 200 or ENG 201 or ENG 202 or HIS 201 or HIS 202 or FLM 170 or WS 301
03. ♦ BA Social Sciences requirement fulfilled in Major Area
04. Foreign Language Requirement:
 - 12 hours in a single foreign language; fewer hours may suffice, but course level 202 must be completed.

DEG 02. Major Area of Study Requirements (36 hours)

01. PS 101
02. PS 201♦
03. Select 1 course from each of the four areas of Political Science:
 - 1) Theory and Methods: PS 311 or PS 321 or PS 420 or PS 421 or PS 426
 - 2) American Politics: PS 301 or PS 303 or PS 304 or PS 305 or PS 401 or PS 402 or PS 404 or PS 405 or PS 406 or PS 407 or PS 408 or PS 409
 - 3) Global Politics: PS 330 or PS 331 or PS 350 or PS 431 or PS 432 or PS 435 or PS 450 or PS 451 or PS 452 or PS 453 or PS 454 or PS 456 or PS 457 or PS 458 or PS 459
 - 4) Public Law and Administration: PS 370 or PS 375 or PS 380 or PS 470 or PS 472 or PS 473 or PS 474 or PS 480 or PS 481 or PS 484 or PS 485 or PS 488 or PS 489
04. Select 5 additional courses from at least 2 groups above.
05. PS 491 (Capstone)

DEG 03. Required Minor (18 hours)

01. Students must fulfill requirements to receive a minor in another discipline.

DEG 04. Electives

01. Choose electives as needed with adviser's approval. (See Hours to Degree below.)

HOURS TO DEGREE

124 hours are needed to graduate with a BA in Political Science. At least 50 percent of the hours applied to a degree at The University of Southern Mississippi must be earned from a senior college, and 45 of these hours must be in courses numbered 300 or above. The last 25 percent of course work must be earned from Southern Miss. The student must earn at least 12 hours in the major area of study from Southern Miss.